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## SEE BEFORE YOU BUY

When you shop for bulbs in our garden store you will find each variety displayed with a natural color picture. This makes your selection easy, eliminates guessing.

Good News! Due to our growers' increased efficiency in growing and grading bulbs, you will find bulb prices have escaped inflation. Compare with prices quoted five years ago and you will find very little change. Some bulbs are cheaper. *Bulbs are a better investment than ever, and the quality was never higher!*

### CHRISTENSEN NURSERY

935 County Road near Ralston Ave. Belmont  
Opposite S.P. Station Phone LYtell 3-2701

# Tulips

We are pleased to offer our customers a list of tulips representing the finest varieties available from Holland and domestic sources. You will find the tulips on this page dependable performers. Many are old-timers to California gardeners — some are recent introductions. All are recommended varieties for our climate. Best results are obtained by planting our "Top-size" bulbs.

*Top-size: 12 for \$1.50, 50 for \$5.00*

**ALLARD PIERSON.** A giant crimson-maroon tulip of lasting color on tall strong stems.

**ORANGE KING.** Prized for its glowing orange color. Petals are shaded scarlet; centers yellow.

**PRUNUS.** A very lovely deep salmon pink of good substance.

**SCOTCH LASSIE.** Beautiful deep lavender with a blue base.

**YELLOW GIANT.** This fine big tulip has light yellow flowers on long, stiff stems.

*Top-size: 12 for \$1.75, 50 for \$6.00*

**ADVANCE.** Large flowers on husky long stems are fiery poppy-red flushed rosy-orange.

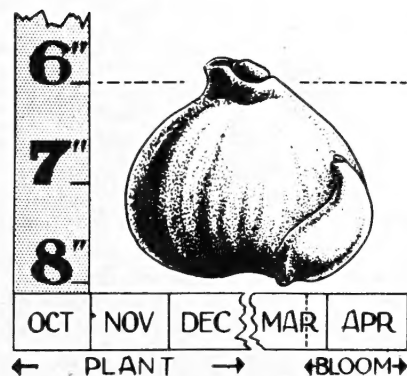
**CITY OF HAARLEM.** Pure scarlet with steel blue center and white ring at base of flower.

**CLARA BUTT.** The most popular pink tulip. Flowers are clear salmon-pink on good stems.

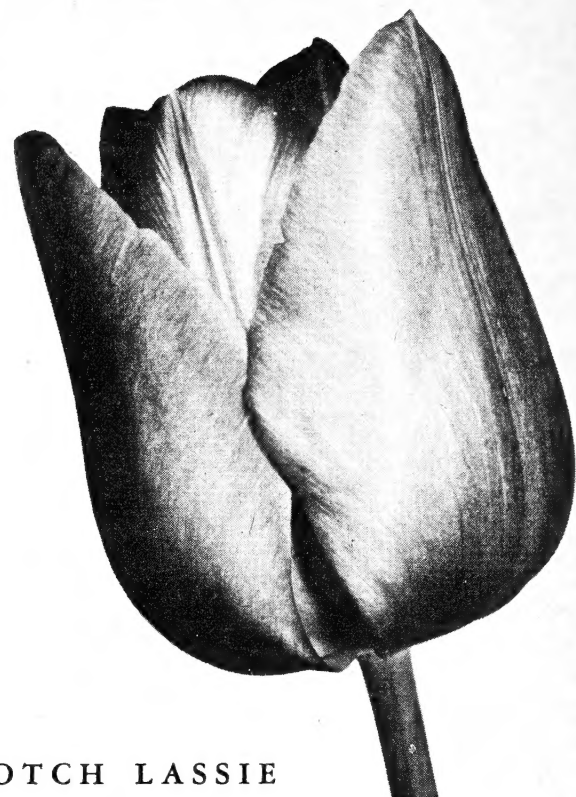
**MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS.** Rich canary-yellow flowers of elegant form and good substance.

**ZWANENBURG.** An excellent pure white tulip. Flowers are large, on tall stems, and have distinctive black stamens.

## HOW TO GROW TULIPS



Tulips may be planted from September through December, although the months of October and November are considered best. If tulips have partial shade during the blooming season, stems will be longer and flowers more brilliant. Plant tulips about 6 inches deep as shown in the sketch to the left. Place a handful of sand under each bulb.



SCOTCH LASSIE

## NOVELTY TULIPS

*Top-size: 12 for 1.75, 50 for \$6.00*

**BLUE PARROT.** Strong stems carry immense fully-opened heliotrope-blue flowers with beautifully fringed petals.

**FANTASY.** Elegant flowers are soft rose-pink streaked green, colored salmon inside.

**FOSTERIANA RED EMPEROR.** Huge dazzling vermillion-red flowers have yellow base. An exceptional novelty.

## WESTERN RAINBOW MIXTURE

*Top-size: 12 for \$1.25, 50 for \$4.50*

A superb assortment of Darwin tulips in a good range of colors.

## QUANTITY RATES...ALL BULBS

Six bulbs of a single variety take the dozen rate; 50 bulbs (not less than 25 of a variety) take the 100 rate; 500 or more bulbs, assorted varieties, 5% discount; 1000 or more bulbs, assorted varieties, 10% discount.





# Daffodils... Your Best Garden

Your best garden investment in flowers for spring color is daffodils. Most varieties increase rapidly under average garden conditions, supplying your garden and home with more flowers each season without further investment. To promote daffodil bulb increase, apply a balanced fertilizer over the bed after the blooming season and maintain soil moisture

through the summer. Lift, divide and replant every three years.

All our daffodil bulbs are **DOUBLE-NOSE No. 1**, which means that each bulb is capable of producing two or more large flowers the spring following planting. Ordinary bulbs are no bargain at their slightly lower cost.

Blooming sequence is noted in each description:  
E—early, M—midseason, and L—late.

## GIANT TRUMPET DAFFODILS

**CARLTON—(E).** A magnificent yellow daffodil of giant size and perfect form. Clear bright yellow with a short but broad trumpet which is crinkled at the rim. Extremely vigorous and delightful in the garden. 3 for 90c, 12 for \$3.00, 50 for \$10.00.

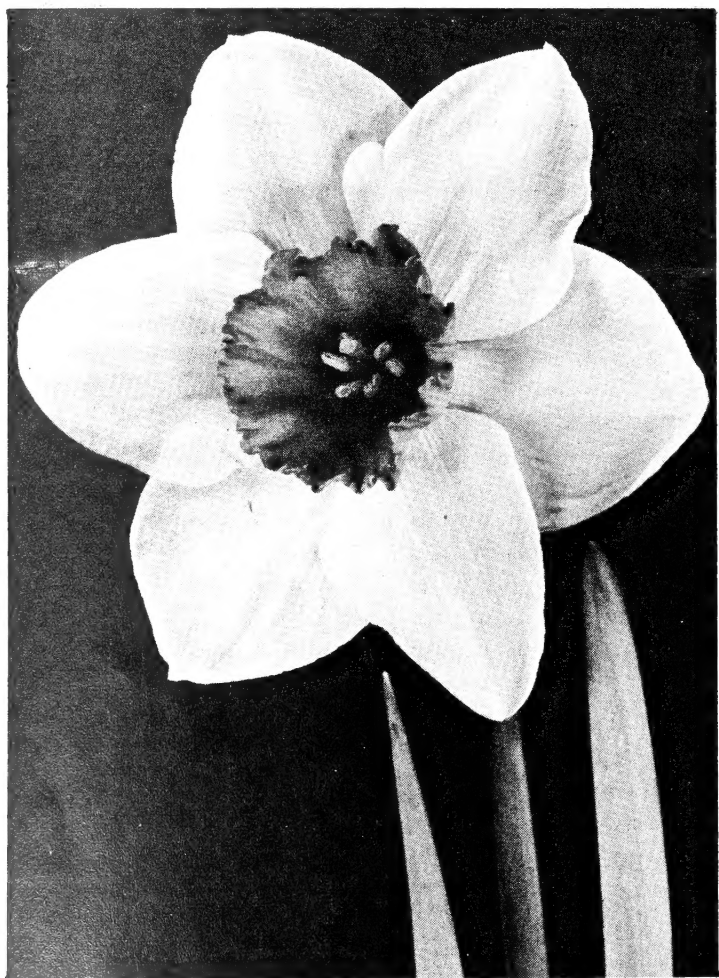
**KING ALFRED—(M).** The most popular yellow trumpet variety and very satisfactory. Medium-large flowers carried on sturdy stems. Color clear yellow throughout. A steady producer and excellent increaser. *Large bulbs:* 3 for 75c, 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$8.50 *Jumbo bulbs:* 3 for \$1.00, 12 for \$3.50, 50 for \$12.00. *Medium size:* 3 for 50c, 12 for \$1.75, 50 for \$6.00.

**SUCCESSOR—(L).** A new large golden trumpet blooming after King Alfred. You will enjoy its fine form and rich color in the late season. 3 for 75c, 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$8.50.

## LARGE CUP BI-COLOR DAFFODILS

**FRANCISCA DRAKE—(M).** The broad, pure white petals are tinted gold at the base. The wide, deep cup is golden yellow at the base, deepening to a flame-orange at the frilled margin. Flowers on tall stems give the illusion of birds taking flight. 3 for 60c, 12 for \$2.00, 50 for \$7.50.

**SILVER STAR—(E).** Perfect broad-petaled star-shaped perianth is creamy-white. Primrose trumpet is wide-mouthed and finely proportioned. Trumpet changes to creamy-white, just a shade deeper than perianth. Bulbs multiply rapidly. Flowers borne on long strong stems. 3 for 75c, 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$8.50.



WHITELEY GEM

# Garden Investment

## "RED-CUP" DAFFODILS

**WHITELY GEM—(E).** A very early daffodil with deep yellow petals and a bright orange-red fluted cup. The brilliant flowers are borne on strong, long stems. 3 for 60c, 12 for \$2.00, 50 for \$7.50.

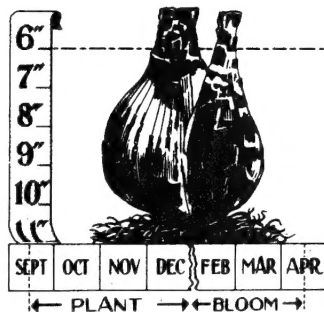
## DOUBLE DAFFODILS

**CHEERFULNESS—(L).** This lovely double Poetaz Narcissus is a fine garden variety. Each stem bears three or four dainty flowers, each pure waxy white with a tint of golden or cream toward the center between the petals. 3 for 50c, 12 for \$1.75, 50 for \$6.00.

**INDIAN CHIEF—(M).** One of the finest double daffodils. Large flowers are very double with bright yellow petals interspersed with orange. 3 for 75c, 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$8.50.

## GROWING DAFFODILS

*Daffodils thrive in any good, well-drained garden soil. Deep soil preparation is necessary. For best results work in bone meal or compost 16 to 18 inches below the surface. No fertilizer of any kind should come in direct contact with the bulbs. Adjoining chart shows planting depth, time of planting, and blooming period. Soak the ground thoroughly after planting. Keep soil moist until rains.*



FRANCISCA DRAKE

## FRAGRANT "Cluster-Flowered" NARCISSI

*The "Cluster-flowered" narcissi are the most popular of all the narcissi among those living in apartments because they are so easily "forced" into flower in such simple devices as bowls of pebbles filled with water or in pots with garden soil.*

*Large bulbs: 3 for 50c, 12 for \$1.75, 50 for \$6.00.*

**CHINESE SACRED LILY.** Midwinter blooms are waxy-white with tiny yellow cup. Intensely fragrant.

**SOLEIL D'OR.** Midwinter blooms are yellow with orange colored cup. Very fragrant.

## FLOWER BORDER MIXTURE

A special blend made up by our grower to our own specifications. The mixture includes all the popular types: golden and bi-color daffodils, frilled-crown daffodils, single and cluster-flowered narcissi and jonquil hybrids. Bulbs are blended for a long blooming sequence and a good increase in sun or partial shade. Naturalizing Daffodils are economical and eminently satisfactory. Try them under trees and tall shrubs and in the perennial border. 50 bulbs for \$6.00.



## Dutch Iris ...

### "THE ORCHIDS OF THE GARDEN"

*Large bulbs: 12 for \$1.00, 50 for \$3.50*

**BLUE HORIZON.** Soft uniform violet-blue with an Indian-orange stripe down the falls.

**EARLY BRONZE.** Falls are a deep bronzy-brown with a narrow stripe of gold down the center. Standards violet-purple. Tall stems.

**NATIONAL VELVET.** The first of a new strain of hybrids of a rich velvety-purple color and an orange stripe on

the falls. Makes a fine, long-lasting cutflower.

**SUTTER'S GOLD.** The finest of the deep golden-yellow iris. A massive flower on tall strong stems.

**WHITE SUPERIOR.** A pure white of great size and beauty, superior to older white iris.

**WEDGEWOOD.** Blooms early with daffodils. A favorite variety with soft blue flowers, orange stripe on the falls.



**NATIONAL VELVET**

## Hyacinths

*Large "Exhibition" size bulbs. 45c ea., 3 for \$1.25, 12 for \$4.50.*

*Bedding size: 35c ea., 3 for \$1.00, 12 for \$3.50.*

**GRAND MAITRE.** Deep lavender-blue. Dark stems harmonize with flower color.

**KING OF THE BLUES.** Dark blue with richness of purple. Spicy fragrance.

**LA VICTOIRE.** Produces fine spikes of deep carmine-red flowers.

**L'INNOCENCE.** Large spikes of pure white flowers have delicious fragrance.

**PINK PEARL.** Deep rose-pink flowers have a paler rose edge.

**CITY OF HAARLEM.** Pure yellow flowers on strong spikes.

### HOW TO GROW HYACINTHS

*Work soil thoroughly to a depth of twelve inches. Set the bulbs six to eight inches deep and eight to ten inches apart. Keep the soil moist by sprinkling until the first rains.*



## New Lilies

**BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS.** Ideal flowers for cutting are borne on tall stems. Attractively spotted petals range through yellow orange, and bright orange-red. 45c ea., 3 for \$1.25.

**FIESTA HYBRIDS.** Neatly reflexed flowers well-spaced on slender, strong stems. Brilliant colors range from bright yellow through orange to deep red. 75c ea., 3 for \$2.00.

**OLYMPIC HYBRIDS.** Far superior to Regal Lily in form, size, and coloring. Flowers pure white or tinted pale pink 35c ea., 3 for \$1.00.

**RAINBOW HYBRIDS.** The result of Jan de Graaff's work with upright-flowering varieties—sparkling gay colors from golden yellow through all shades of orange to deepest mahogany-red. 60c ea., 3 for \$1.60.

(Ready Mid-October)

## Calla Lilies

*Large bulbs: 35c each, 12 for \$3.50*

**WHITE CALLA.** The popular large pure white Calla.

**YELLOW CALLA.** Rich yellow flowers; spotted foliage.

**PINK CALLA.** Dainty dwarf variety with frosty pink flowers.

(Ready November-December)